

I wish to express my deepest opposition to any modification of the FCC rules which would make it possible for wealthy media providers to own more opportunities for the control of multi-media programming in a given area. This will ultimately destroy what little respect the general public has for the objectivity of existing media and as a registered Republican for over 55 years I find it very difficult to understand why the Republican Party is trying to project an image of such total disregard for the freedom of the press which has served this nation so admirably for the last 100 years. Teddy Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln both served during a period of very mixed periods of support from the media and they prevailed through the quality of their ideas rather than their ability to buy out and silence any opposition. If our recent successes in Iraq show us anything, it is that a free press is essential to the existence of a democracy and this policy puts us in the position negating any achievement that our superb armed forces have brought about and returned us to the same line of thinking that Saddam Hussein exploited for so many years.